

INDIAN MISSION VICARIATE



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Dear Confreres,

This edition of the newsletter is published at the end of the year 2020. Perhaps this year has been like no other in our lifetime because of the Covid-19 outbreak which quickly swept across the world. All are affected but let us take to heart; slowly but surely the pandemic will fade, so let's welcome the year 2021 warmly.

Let us enter into the new year listening to our Founder; when he said, **“let us not walk the way that leads to hell but rather the way that leads to heaven! Let us keep in mind the words, the tree shall fall in the direction in which it leans. Let it be our endeavour, therefore during the coming year to lead a conscientious life**

according to the duties of our calling, so that at the end of the next year, in case another year should be granted us, we, may be able to say: I have walked on the way that leads to heaven”

(Exhortations and Admonitions, Ch. 43).

IMV-Administration

Vocation Promotion and Formation:

- Vocation promotion in 2020 is affected by the pandemic and only two Aspirants joined the Society and they are in the Tokobari community.
- Spiritual orientation program at Chullikkara began on November 2020 with thirteen candidates. The program got delayed due to the travel restrictions caused by the pandemic. The program might be extended till May 2021 without the annual home leave for the candidates prior to the commencement of Philosophy.
- Nine aspirants, Namely, Robinhood Pasi, Shiningstar Hinge, Lambunmiki Pasi, Valarian Nongpoh, Stevenson Swer, George Jitem, Porom, Bhasker and Bhanu are doing +2 studies at their own respective homes. They belong to the communities of their region and are accompanied by the fathers of the respective communities.
- Candidates of philosophy at Warangal are continuing the academic year in online classes.
- Scholastics of theology at Shillong community completed their first semester of

the academic year residing at Oriens Theology College.

Regency:

- **Cl. Thomas Zuo:** began the regency from December 2020 in Chullikkara as there are no aspirants in Bangalore where he was initially assigned.

- **Cl. Naveen Teja:** was initially assigned as a regent in Laitkynsew, but due to the travel restriction caused by the pandemic he was reassigned to the pastoral centre of the diocese of Warangal. Our gratitude to Bishop for accepting our request to accommodate him for the regency experience in the diocese. He will continue further his regency period at Chullikkara Community from January 2021 onwards.

Updates on Members:

During this difficult period of time, the IMV, in a very special way, remember and pray for all confreres in other units. We acknowledge your courage and missionary zeal.

Ordinations to the Diaconate:

Most Rev. Telesphor Richard Mkude, Bishop of Morogoro, ordained **Cls. Robert Marwein** and **Wester David Marbaniang**, on 21 November 2020 in the International Formation House Mater Salvatoris at Morogoro, Tanzania.

Fr. Donbosco Kharmawlong: his decision not to continue with the process of going to Mexico was accepted by the Generalate and thus he is appointed temporarily at the Laitkynsew community as a member assisting the ministries of the parish community.

Fr. Anil Perekala: he will extend his pastoral ministries for six more months in the Warangal Diocese as associate pastor at the cathedral parish, Fatima Nagar, Warangal. The process of going to Mexico is on and as soon as the formalities are completed, he will join the assigned mission place at Mexico.

Fr. Gervas Daimary: He will assist the parish priest in his home parish, Assam as a member of Nagaon community. He will start the visa procedures from January 2021 and join Fr. Anil Perekala for the Mexico mission instead of Surinam.

Fr. S Selvanathan: He completed MBA (General) from Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University in 2018.

Fr. Ashokreddy Uyyoory: He completed the MSW at St. Edmunds College, Shillong with a great result. He will continue as the Director of SOFIA India.

Congratulations to the fathers qualifying themselves to improve the quality of our ministries.

Candidate **Sansingboy Lyngdoh** decided to discontinue from the Society.

Candidate **Niyanthan Sebarajah Leon** from Sri Lanka who was doing philosophy in Philippines decided to leave the Society.

Transfers:

Fr. Nirmal Neeranjan: transferred from January 15th, 2021 to Jaffna Community as the Administrator and Assistant Formator.

Fr. Vinothan Francis: transferred from January 15th, 2021 to Chilaw community as the Administrator, Assistant Formator and priest in charge of St. Bernadette Church.

Online Meetings:

The Generalate met the IMV leadership online on September 7th, 2020 and both leaderships shared and updated each other on various topics. The IMV expresses sincere gratitude to the Generalate for organizing the meeting and guiding the IMV in this most crisis period of the world due to the pandemic. During the meeting the Generalate explained in details about the document “**Together for Mission: Recommendations from the Generalate to IMV**” and the procedures to organize meetings. The highlights of the address of the Superior General as follow; (Ref. *Informationes, Vol XII, Nr. 12 December 2020, Rome*)

*“1. **First consequence.** We had to cancel our ordinary General Synod, which was scheduled for the month of July, in Rumania. We also had to suspend the second stage of the School for Salvatorian Formators.*

*2. **Second consequence.** We are facing a strict economic crisis with no resources for the payment of employees at Jordan University College (JUCo) in Morogoro. We have never been so close to the possibility of having to finish the activities of this institution and closing it down.*

*3. **Third consequence.** We were careful to accompany those Salvatorians and family members who were infected by the coronavirus. So far, some confreres in different parts of the world, mainly in Europe, but also in Latin America have been infected with the virus and very few have died because of this pandemic.*

*4. **Fourth consequence.** We have fewer missionaries. Right now, we urgently need Salvatorians in Guatemala, Madagascar, Peru, Mexico, Surinam ... We are asking for help for these Units, even if it would be only for a limited time.*

*5. **Fifth consequence.** We are struggling to carry out the international Salvatorian Formation Program due to the closing of borders in some countries. We are looking for alternatives to this situation.”*

Despite this moment of crisis, there are also small or bigger lights we can clearly see. Mentioning them, Fr. Milton wanted to encourage all the confreres to move forward with enthusiasm and renewed hope.

*“1. **First signal.** The announcement of the celebration of the beatification of our Founder, for the month of May next year. This unique event invites us to live our apostolic spirituality more intensely. In the same context of beatification, we are completely remodelling our Mother House Chapel.*

*2. **Second signal.** We received with joy the news of the appointment of father Karol Kulczycki of the Province of Poland to be the new bishop of the Diocese of Port Pirie, in Australia, as well as the appointment of Fr. Lazarus Msimbe as the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Morogoro. For us it is a sign of recognition of the apostolic service that we offer the Church in those countries.*

*3. **Third signal.** We are in the process of opening new houses of formation. Soon we will open a new formation house in Madrid, in Spain, preparing confreres to be sent as missionaries to Latin America. We are planning a new formation house in Sri Lanka. In September, we are going to start a formation house in Vietnam. We are already making initial contacts for a new foundation in Uganda where we want to start a new mission, which could be of help even in the bigger frame of international formation to be the site of Africa’s international novitiate.*

4. **Fourth signal.** *Although the revision of the General Formation Program for the Society (Ratio Formationis) suffered some delay, we are working to finalize the process of revising this important document and publishing it for the coming year.*

5. **Fifth sign.** *We are ready for the creation of a new vicariate in Western Europe. This Vicariate will be made official on December 8 this year joining the units of Switzerland and Italy. After a period of discernment and planning, we are happy that with the financial help of the Society, the construction of a brand new Salvatorian spiritual formation centre in Cracow (Poland) will be started next 15 October. I myself was invited to put the first brick and I really hope that this centre will be for the good of so many who are serving in formation at religious and diocesan level, but also at the level of the personal and spiritual growth of many people who are seeking for God.*

Other Meetings:

- The IMV Formation and Finance commission conducted meetings online on November 2020.
- All the commissions related to the document “**Together for Mission: Recommendations from the SDS Generalate to IMV**” are organizing the meeting online.
- The IMV council met separately all the communities online.

Other Matters:

Beatification of Fr. JORDAN

- A Commission comprising the representatives of the SDS Fathers, Sisters and Lay will discuss in January 2021 and organize functions related to the beatification of Founder in India and Sri Lanka.
- **Fr. Alex Aseervatham** and **Fr. Joseph KJ** will represent IMV in Rome and in Germany for the beatification of the Venerable Founder.
- IMV is happy to announce the launch of the newly designed website: www.salvatorians.in on January 1st, 2021.

Prayer Request:

- ❖ For Vocations
- ❖ For the preparation and the celebration of the beatification of Francis Jordan
- ❖ For the new missions and missionaries
- ❖ For the benefactors and well wishers
- ❖ For Medical doctors, nurses and frontline warriors
- ❖ For God’s intervention for healing from the deadly virus
- ❖ For the deceased members.

